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SUBJECT: BRITISH MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESH

1. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER SMALLMAN TOLD THE AMBASSADOR APRIL 5 THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME FURTHER PROGRESS ON THE PROVISION OF BRITISH EQUIPMENT FOR THE BANGLADESHI NAVY DURING ADMIRAL KHAN'S RECENT TRANSIT THROUGH LONDON ENROUTE TO THE WATER CONFERENCE AT MAR DEL PLATA. REGARDING THE BANGLADESH DESIRE FOR ANOTHER FRIGATE, SMALLMAN SAID KHAN WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD HAVE ANOTHER OF THE SAME CLASS AS THE OMAR FAROOQ, WHICH ARRIVED IN BANGLADESH ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO, IMMEDIATELY UNDER ROUGHLY THE SAME TERMS AS THE EARLIER FRIGATE. KHAN, HOWEVER, PREFERS A MORE RECENT MODEL (CAT CLASS), WHICH UNDER PRESENT PLANNING WILL NOT BECOME EXCESS TO THE ROYAL NAVY UNTIL 1979. SMALLMAN INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT DEPENDING ON THE TIMING FOR ACQUISITION OF NEW SHIPS BY THE ROYAL NAVY, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO RELEASE THE MORE MODERN FRIGATE IN 1978. THIS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. KHAN ALSO TALKED WITH MRS. HART OF ODM REGARDING
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A MARINE RESEARCH VESSEL. HE WAS TOLD THAT ODM WOULD BE WILLING TO FUND SIX MONTHS TDY BY A ROYAL NAVY RESEARCH SHIP TO OPERATE IN BANGLADESHI WATERS IN ORDER TO FURTHER REFINE BANGLADESHI REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH A VESSEL. AT THE END OF THIS SIX MONTH PERIOD, AND DEPENDING ON THE FINDINGS OF THE ROYAL NAVY SHIP, ODM WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER ASSISTING THE

BDG TO OBTAIN A SUITABLE VESSEL. ADMIRAL KHAN IS
APPARENTLY STUDYING THIS PROPOSAL.
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